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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEWT, PFOR, RO

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON MFN/EMIGRATION

REF: STATE 199904

1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICHOLAE CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON ASST. SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY ON AUGUST 17. ARMITAGE (EUR) WAS PRESENT. NICHOLAE AGAIN (REFTEL) QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BUT DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE AFTER MCCLOSKEY EXPLAINED CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVES AND SAID THAT RIBICOFF SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS WERE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8 BUT IT WAS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER GREEN HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD HOLD FORMAL HEARINGS. MC CLOSKEY STRESSED THAT IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT INFORMATION ROMANIANS WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE REGARDING PROGRESS OF EMIGRATION WOULD BE NEEDED IF ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES WERE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE CONVINCING CASE FOR MFN EXTENSION.

2. NICHOLAE'S MAIN CONCERN, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO FOCUS ON ROMANIAN APPREHENSION REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL HANDLING  
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OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY ISSUE. HE REFERRED TO

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BUCKLEY AND CONGRESSMAN  
PATTEN AND COMMENTED ON NUMBER OF CO-SPONSORS. HE WAS

PARTICULARLY UPSET OVER CONGRESSMAN KOCH'S STATEMENT  
IN THE AUGUST 9 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. (KOCH'S STATE-  
MENT, BEING POUCHED, CONTAINED EXTENSIVE QUOTATIONS  
FROM REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA  
CONTRASTING IT WITH EMBASSY REPORT ON SEVERAL POINTS.)  
MCCLOSKEY EXPLAINED CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVES ON  
INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSED THE DEPTH  
OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST ON HUMAN AND MINORITY  
RIGHTS IN GENERAL. HE POINTED OUT THAT RESOLUTIONS  
HAD NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES CONCERNED.  
ARMITAGE SAID SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFS DID NOT SEEM TO  
ANTICIPATE HUNGARIAN MINORITIES ISSUE BEING TIED TO  
WAIVER EXTENSION IN ANY FORMAL WAY AND REITERATED  
ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY. MCCLOSKEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ADMINIS-  
TRATION COULD NOT PREVENT HUNGARIAN MINORITY ISSUE  
BEING RAISED IN HEARINGS BUT NOTED WE WOULD MAKE CLEAR  
TO SUBCOMMITTEES ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON POLITICAL  
ASPECTS OF THIS ISSUE AND WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH  
EMBASSY AS DATE FOR HEARINGS APPROACHED.

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